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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
THOMAS DANIEL, ET AL. : EXAMINER: METZMAIER
SERIAL NO: 09/831,915 :
FILED: MAY 25, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1796
FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF :
ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a suspension of action for a time period of three (3) months. The suspension of action is necessary because Applicants are in the process of preparing additional data, to provide the evidence mentioned by the Board of Appeals and Interferences.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request suspension of action for a period of three (3) months.

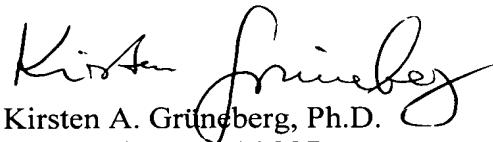
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